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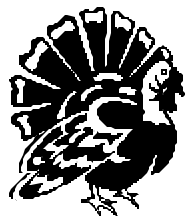
## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady on retail sized hens and toms. Offerings satisfied current buyer interest. Supplies of bulk meats were balanced, tom parts were close, hen v-type wings were tight, balance of parts were adequate. Demand cleared most available product and kept the trade sentiment steady or better.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading was moderate on thigh meat, light on balance. Hen necks traded at 11 cents and mature hen thigh meat at 45 cents delivered port. Fresh thigh meat was 52 cents to the border. Inquiries for tom drums were circulating.



**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 04, 2003**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

#### FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

#### OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 4 MARCH 2003.

The trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins was steady to fully steady with some sellers actively trying to move the market up, fully steady on fresh wing meat and scapula. The trade sentiment on frozen wing meat and frozen destrapped tenderloins was steady to fully steady, frozen tom breast meat -3 months age fully steady, -6 months age barely steady. Fresh white meat demand was light to moderate with wing meat and scapula the most active. Offerings of fresh white meat were limited on scapula and breast trim, light to adequate on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins. Frozen white meat offerings from new production were generally held with confidence, meanwhile, some willingness to negotiate on older production was noted. The undertone was mostly steady on rib breasts for the slow to moderate inquiry. Trading was light on all items. Fresh scapula traded at 65 cents delivered domestic and frozen tom breast meat (-3 months age) 110 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	94.00		94.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	25
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	89.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	6
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	22.50	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	17.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	17.00		17.00	7
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.80	50
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	56.00	20
NECKS, TOM	18.00-20.00		19.57	153
NECKS, HEN		T	19.50	18
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	99.00	600
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	115.00		115.00	50
THIGH MEAT		R	49.50	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	53.00	102
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		M	63.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	103.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	113.64	11
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	43.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.25		17.25	40

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00		23.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	23.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	104
TAILS		R	20.25	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00-51.00		50.67	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65-66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	115-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	115-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	115-129

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 5 MARCH 2003.

Demand was clearing most supplies of fresh and frozen destrapped tenders and wing meat and fresh tom breast meat. Fresh tom breast meat was offered at steady to higher prices. Fresh and frozen wing meat and destrapped tenders were steady to fully steady. The availability of tom parts was limited and some suppliers turned away inquiries on drums, necks and v-type wings. Hen parts were adequate except hen v-type wings were tight. Domestic trading was very light. Export activity was light to fair. Fresh thigh meat traded at 52 delivered, young hen necks at 11 cents and mature hen thigh meat at 45 delivered port.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	25
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	89.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	21.00	6
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	22.50	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	17.00	7
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00		24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	56.00	20
NECKS, TOM		T	19.57	153
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	99.00	600
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		T	115.00	50
THIGH MEAT		R	49.50	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	53.00		53.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		M	63.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	103.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	115.00		115.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	49.00		49.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		T	17.25	40

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WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	23.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.00	104
TAILS		R	20.25	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	47.00-51.00		47.53	300

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#### BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E0 3/05/03

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2002-2003	26,919	315,842	316,142
2001-2002	23,340	287,403	287,703

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